

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated August 4, 2006, which rejected all claims pending at that time. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-21, and 23-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,694,336 issued to Multer et al. (Multer) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,502,191 issued to Smith et al. (Smith) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,284 issued to Inoue et al. (Inoue). The remaining claims 6, 14, 22, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Multer, Smith, Inoue, and U.S. Patent 6,233,600 issued to Salas et al. (Salas). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

Independent claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to include limitations which are not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of the references cited in the prior Office Action. For example, independent claim 1 now recites:

a server sending an identification to a synchronization client executing an on a handheld device;

the synchronization client comparing the identification received from the server with a locally stored identification;

the synchronization client sending a first message to the server if the identification does not compare equally with the locally stored identification;

in response to receiving the first message, the server sending a size of binary information to the synchronization client

The foregoing features of amended claim 1 are not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of Multer, Smith, or Inoue. As such, Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is patentably distinguishable. Independent claims 9 and 17 have also been amended to include limitations which are not found in the cited sections of Multer, Smith, or Inoue.

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The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 9, and 17.

Insofar as these claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited sections of the references, it follows that the remaining claims are likewise patentably distinguishable.



CONCLUSION

Applicant submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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